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(*b*) Regarding increase in dearness allowance to Non-Gazetted Government servants in general—*vide* answer to Question 9. As regards Government School Teachers (Elementary and Secondary Grades) the following increases have been sanctioned in their pay and allowances :—

	Special addition to pay from 1st November 1956.		Rates of dearness allowance. Before 1st March 1957.	From 1st March 1957.
	RS.		RS.	RS.
Lower and Higher Elementary Grade Teachers (Trained and Untrained) drawing a pay of Rs. 39 or less.	6 per mensem.	Pay not exceeding Rs. 20.	18	23
		Pay exceeding Rs. 20 but below Rs. 40.	19	25
		Pay of Rs. 40 ..	21	28
Higher Elementary Grade Teachers (Trained and Untrained) drawing a pay of Rs. 40 and above and all Secondary Grade Teachers.	5 per mensem.	Pay exceeding Rs. 40 but not exceeding Rs. 60.	22	29
		Pay exceeding Rs. 60 but not exceeding Rs. 100.	24	31

(*c*) Information regarding increase in dearness allowance is given in the answer to Question No. 9.

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER *RE* MESSAGES FROM THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that I have received the following messages, dated 26th July 1957, from the Chairman, Madras Legislative Council—

" In accordance with Rule 130 of the Madras Council Rules, I return the Madras Appropriation Bill, 1957 (L.A. Bill No. 8 of 1957) as passed by the Legislative Council on the 26th July 1957, without any recommendation and signed by me."

" In accordance with Rule 130 of the Madras Council Rules, I return the Madras Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1957 (L.A. Bill No. 9 of 1957) as passed by the Legislative Council on the 26th July 1957, without any recommendation and signed by me."

III.—CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE UNDER RULE 40 *RE* ACUTE SHORTAGE OF CHEMICAL FERTILISERS IN TANJORE DISTRICT.

MR. SPEAKER : I have received notice of a motion under Rule 40 of the Assembly Rules to discuss a matter of urgent public importance by Sri N. S. Ramalingam regarding the acute shortage of chemical fertilizers in the Tanjore district.

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SRI A. VEDARATHNAM PILLAI : On a point of crder, Sir, இன்றோடு சட்டசபைக் கூட்டம் முடிவுறுவதினால், இதுவரையில் பதிலளிக்கப்படாத கேள்விகளுக்கு அடுத்த கூட்டத்தில் பதிலளிக்கப்படுமா ? அல்லது அவை புதுப்பிக்கப்படவேண்டுமா ?

MR. SPEAKER : They will be answered at the next meeting.

SRI N. S. RAMALINGAM : கனம் தலைவர் அவர்களே, உணவு உற்பத்தியைப் பெருக்கவேண்டுமென்று திட்டம் போடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதற்காக ரசாயன உரம் அதிகம் உபயோகிக்கவேண்டும் என்றும் பிரசாரம் செய்து வருகின்றோம். விவசாயத்தைப் பற்றி தெரிந்தவர்களுக்குத் தெரியும், கடைசி உழவின்போது சூபர் பாஸ்பேட் உரம் போட்டு உழவேண்டியிருக்கிறதுஎன்று தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவில் தண்ணீர்வந்து குறுவை நடவு பாதி ஆகி விட்டது. ஒரு மாத காலத்தில் சம்பா நடவு முடியப் போகிறது. அதற்குள் சூபர் பாஸ்பேட் போட்டு உழவேண்டியிருப்பதால் சூபர் பாஸ்பேட் அதிகம் கிடைக்கவில்லை என்று தெரிகிறது. கிடைக்காததற்குக் காரணம், ரயில்வே வாகன் வசதி போதவில்லை என்று சொல்லுகிறார்கள். லாரியில் கொண்டுவருவதற்கு முயற்சி செய்தால் மூட்டை ஒன்றுக்கு ரூ. 3 அல்லது ரூ. 4 அதிகமாகச் செலவாகிறது. அதிக விலை கொடுத்து வாங்க விவசாயிகள் தயாராய் இல்லாததாலும், உணவு உற்பத்தியை அதிகப்படுத்த வேண்டியிருப்பதாலும், அரசாங்கம் உடனடியாக நடவடிக்கை எடுத்து, தஞ்சை ஜில்லா விவசாயிகளுக்கு சூபர் பாஸ்பேட் சீக்கிரம் கிடைக்கவேண்டுமாய்க் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன். 10-16 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, I would like to make the following statement with reference to the matter raised by the hon. Member.

The attention of the Government has been invited to the alleged acute shortage of chemical fertilizers in the Tanjore district just at present. The four nitrogenous fertilizers, viz., ammonium sulphate, urea, ammonium sulphate nitrate and calcium ammonium nitrate are distributed by the Government as a State Trading Scheme. Of this only ammonium sulphate is consumed in large quantities. The bulk of the requirements of ammonium sulphate in the State is met from imports.

For the year 1957–58 the Government of India have been addressed to supply a quantity of 137,000 tons of ammonium sulphate to our State, out of which a quantity of 70 000 tons was intended for the period April 1957 to September 1957. But the allotments from the Government of India now cover only about 49,000 tons from the imported stocks at Madras, Cuddalore, Tuticorin and Cochin. No doubt there is short supply of stocks at present, partly due to the tight foreign exchange position, and this Government hope that the Government of India will make arrangements for the supply of the full requirements of this State through the Central Fertilizer Pool.

The stock and supply position of ammonium sulphate in the Tanjore district, present and prospective, has been examined. It is found that a stock of about 1.900 tons of ammonium sulphate is now available in the district and a quantity of about 3.800 tons is to be received against the outstanding despatch instructions.

Further allocations of over 3,000 tons have also been made to this district. The total quantity that will be thus available for distribution in the Tanjore district is about 9,000 tons which will be sufficient to meet the requirements of the district up to October 1957. The despatches to the Tanjore district are being made on top priority from shipments which have arrived at Cuddalore Port.

The Government are aware of the need for ensuring the steady supply of ammonium sulphate to the agriculturists and a close watch is kept over the stock position and the demand in each district and prompt action is being taken to replenish stocks to the extent possible.

IV.—PRIVILEGE MOTION *RE* PUBLICATION OF A NEWS ITEM IN A CITY TAMIL DAILY.

MR. SPEAKER : I have received from the hon. Member, Sri M. S. Selvarajan, notice of a Privilege Motion in respect of a news item in a City Tamil Daily. But the hon. Member gave it to me at a short notice. Therefore, I have no time to discuss it nor have I the time to allot a day to discuss this matter and refer it to the Committee of Privileges. I have to tell the hon. Member that I shall contact the Editor of that newspaper and get his views on the matter. In this connection, I shall read Rule 187 of the Assembly Rules which says—

'Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, the Speaker may *suo motu* refer any question of privilege to the Committee of Privileges for examination, investigation or report.'

So, if the explanation of the Editor is not satisfactory, under the powers vested in me under Rule 187, I shall refer it to the Committee of Privileges. To-day I shall not allow any discussion on this matter.

10-20 a.m. SRI K. S. ARDHANAREESWARA GOUNDER : கனம் சபா நாயகர் அவர்களே, ஒரு ஒழுங்குப் பிரச்னை. 40-வது விதியின் பிரகாரம் நான் 17-ந்தேதியன்று தங்கள் மூலமாக சர்க்காரிடமிருந்து தகவல் கேட்டிருந்தும் இதுவரையில் தகவல் கிடைக்கவில்லை. அது மறுபடியும் அடுத்தக் கூட்டத்தின் போது எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்படுமா அல்லது இத்துடன் அதன் ஆயுள் முடிந்து விடுகிறதா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER : The question whether the urgency of the subject-matter of a statement to be made under Rule 40 will be existing three months hence, is a matter which the hon. Member and I will have to decide. When the Assembly meets again, let him renew the question under Rule 40. Then I shall consider it.

V.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* REFUSAL TO ACCOMMODATE NINE STUDENTS IN THE ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY HOSTEL AND FAST UNDERTAKEN BY SOME OF THEM.

MR. SPEAKER : I have received notice of an adjournment motion from Sri M. P. Subramaniam. I am not sure I have time to discuss it. He gave it to me in my chamber at 8-45 a.m. to-day. I am not sure if the Hon. Minister will be in a position